

To: **Administrator/Ex. 6**
From: Fritz, Matthew
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 3:12:33 PM
Subject: RE: Cessation of certain Superfund activities text

Correct – I will have to reword it – we are not conducting such an assessment – an independent assessment will be conducted by an external party

From: **Administrator/Ex. 6**
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:10 AM
To: Fritz, Matthew
Subject: Fwd: Cessation of certain Superfund activities text

This look ok but if folks know that the situation is not similar to this one, I have no trouble letting worn continue.

Also, we cannot be conducting an independent assessment. We have to be asking someone else to do that.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stanislaus, Mathy" <Stanislaus.Mathy@epa.gov>
Date: August 12, 2015 at 8:51:51 AM MDT
To: **Administrator/Ex. 6**
Cc: "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>, "Natarajan, Nitin" <Natarajan.Nitin@epa.gov>, "Cheatham, Reggie" <cheatham.reggie@epa.gov>, "Breen, Barry" <Breen.Barry@epa.gov>
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Here's text reflecting in out from OGC and OECA. I'd like to quickly also have a call with all Regional Superfund DDs. Let me know your thoughts.

While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case specific. We are conducting an independent assessment of the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we

also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.

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